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Letters dated 11 July 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government and following my letters dated 3 January 2018 (S/2018/8), 13 October 2017 (S/2017/862) and 19 June 2017 (S/2017/521) regarding the United States hostile, interventionist and destabilizing approach towards the Islamic Republic of Iran, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention:

Some political figures and associates of the United States Government like Rudolph William Louis Giuliani and Newton Leroy Gingrich participated in a gathering held in Paris on 30 June 2018 by an anti-Iranian terrorist cult that openly incites blind violence against Iranian civilians. These associates of the United States Government have contributed to, and made baseless allegations and false statements against, the Islamic Republic of Iran in the said gathering.

The so-called Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO) is a notorious terrorist cult responsible for the death of more than 17,000 Iranians, including parliamentarians, high-ranking governmental and military authorities, innocent ordinary citizens as well as foreign nationals, documented with different United Nations bodies and independent organizations (see, for instance, S/1994/983, S/1998/817, A/54/81, S/2000/128, S/2000/164, S/2000/216, S/2000/912, S/2000/1036, S/2000/1169, S/2000/1170, S/2001/271, S/2006/649 and S/2008/675).

This terrorist and violent cult had also been listed and sanctioned for years as terrorist group by the United States, and other States and regional unions for committing terrorist crimes. It is clear that removal of the cult from the United States list in 2012, done after intense lobbying by the United States politicians who have been paid by this group, was just a manifestation of double standard and selective approach of the United States Government in fighting terrorism.

Contrary to the recent misleading claims by this terrorist group, there is enough proof and evidence to the continuation of their dangerous deviant ideology and despicable modus operandi as well as involvement in terrorist operations for all of which the United States has international responsibility. As a case in point, the cult cooperated with adversaries' intelligence services in the plots to assassinate Iranian nuclear scientists between 2010 and 2015. This terrorist group has also militarily assisted Saddam Hussein's regime in its aggression against the Iranian nation (September 1980–August 1988) and was directly involved in the massacre of Kurds and Arab people in Iraq.

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The Islamic Republic of Iran condemns in the strongest terms the illegal measures of the United States Government against Iranian people including through supporting and financing of MKO as terrorist group, and considers this unlawful action in violation of international law, the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations as well as the well-established international rules on countering terrorism, in particular international obligations of United States Government to prevent, prosecute and punish terrorist crimes. The United States Government shall cease and desist from such illegal measures and discontinue this policy.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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